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Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes

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Received By:

Honorable Telena Cruz Nelson
Acting Speaker
I Mina'trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
Guam Congress Building
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Dear Madame Speaker:

Today, I signed Bill No. 30-35 (COR), "An Act to *Add* a New § 4302(c)(12) to Article 3 of Chapter 4, Title 4, Guam Code Annotated, Relative to Requiring Consideration of Only Those Companies or Entities Providing Health Insurance to the Government of Guam Whose In-Network Coverage Includes All Public and Private Hospitals Operating in Guam," (the "Act") into law as **Public Law 35-2.**

An emergency is a serious, unexpected, and often dangerous situation requiring immediate action. In terms of health care, a successful response to a medical emergency is based not only on access, but also health provider network adequacy. To be adequate, the Government of Guam's health insurance network must provide Government of Guam employees with the right care, at the right time, without having to travel needlessly to seek an in-network hospital. We consistently ask and depend on our Government of Guam employees to serve during emergencies when our island calls. This Act reminds the Government to serve in return and to help its employees prepare for a medical emergency when they and their families are in need.

The Government of Guam employees should be allowed to expect that their health insurance cover quality health care at whichever hospital, public or private, they may unexpectedly find themselves on Guam. By signing this bill, I join the Legislature in making this expectation a reality.

Senseramente,

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
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Governor of Guam

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I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2019 (FIRST) Regular Session

CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO *I MAGA'HÅGAN GUÅHAN*

This is to certify that **Bill No. 30-35 (COR), "AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW § 4302(c)(12) TO ARTICLE 3 OF CHAPTER 4, TITLE 4, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO REQUIRING CONSIDERATION OF ONLY THOSE COMPANIES OR ENTITIES PROVIDING HEALTH INSURANCE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM WHOSE IN-NETWORK COVERAGE INCLUDES ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HOSPITALS OPERATING IN GUAM,"** was on the 27th day of February 2019, duly and regularly passed.

Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Speaker

Attested:

Amanda L. Shelton
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* this 27th day of February, 2019, at 5:55 o'clock P.M.

Assistant Staff Officer
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APPROVED:

Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero
I Maga'hågan Guåhan

Date: 3/7/2019

Public Law No. 35-2

I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2019 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 30-35 (COR)
As amended by the Committee on Public Accountability,
Human Resources and the Guam Buildup;
and further amended on the Floor.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. A new § 4302(c)(12) is *added* to Chapter 4 of Title 4, Guam Code Annotated, to read:

"(12) Beginning with the negotiations for Fiscal Year 2020, the Negotiating team *shall* consider only those companies or other legal entities providing or applying to provide health insurance or the provision of health care to the Government of Guam whose in-network coverage includes all public and private hospitals operating in Guam."

Section 2. Severability. If any provision of this Act or its application to any person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such invalidity *shall not* affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are severable.